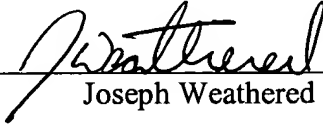


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2003, applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously added claims, currently amended claims, and previously amended claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are indicated as being canceled. Amended specification paragraphs are provided as marked-up version only. Amendment additions are indicated with underlining. Amendment deletions are indicated by strikeout.